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***Amendment***

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 357

File No. 642

Cal. No. 523

***"An Act Concerning Tenant Rights In State Public Housing."***

1 In line 1, before "Section", insert "Section 1."

2 In line 15, after the period, insert the following: "Such minimum  
3 standards shall be printed only in the English language."

4 After line 15, insert the following:

5 "Sec. 2. (NEW) The English language shall be the official language of  
6 the state. Neither the state nor any political subdivision of the state  
7 shall require by statute, ordinance, regulation, order, program or  
8 policy the use in the state of any language other than English.  
9 Governmental officials and employees shall be bound by the  
10 provisions of this section during the performance of government  
11 business. No governmental document shall be valid, effective or  
12 enforceable unless it is printed in the English language. The state and  
13 all political subdivisions of the state shall take all reasonable steps to  
14 preserve, protect and enhance the role of the English language as the  
15 official language of the state. Notwithstanding any provision of this

16 section to the contrary, the state and political subdivisions of the state  
17 may act in a language other than English (1) to assist students who are  
18 not proficient in the English language by providing educational  
19 instruction in languages other than English to provide as rapid as  
20 possible a transition to English, (2) to provide foreign language  
21 instruction as part of a required or voluntary education curriculum, (3)  
22 to allow for Latin on the state seal and on government documents, (4)  
23 to allow legislators to communicate with constituents in languages  
24 other than English, (5) to comply with federal laws, (6) to protect  
25 public health and safety, and (7) to protect the rights of criminal  
26 defendants or victims of crime. Nothing in this section shall prohibit  
27 the printing of proper names